

Intentions After Graduation Survey: Questions

Q1. Which of the following best describes your plans within six months after graduating from your current course?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. I intend to look for a job
2. I will be in a (full or part time) job that I have already been offered or accepted
3. I will continue to be employed in my current (full or part time) job
4. I intend to enrol on/begin a graduate scheme or programme
5. I intend to set up my own business / I will be self-employed or undertake freelance work
6. I will be doing volunteering/unpaid work or work experience
7. I intend to travel abroad
8. I intend to go into further study
9. I intend to take a gap year/break from academic study
10. I am unsure as to what I will do next*
11. Other (please specify)

**exclusive option*

IF Q1 = 10 ASK Q2

Q2. Would you consider further study within six months after graduating from your current course?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Yes
2. No
3. I am not sure

IF Q1 = 8 OR Q2 = 1 ASK Q3

Q3. At what level would you like to study?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Undergraduate level (<i>Equivalent or lower level to your current course but in a different subject</i>)
2. <u>Postgraduate level</u> (<i>Higher level than a BA or BSc degree and leads to qualifications such as a master's (e.g. MA/MSc), a doctorate (e.g. PhD), a professional or vocational qualification such as a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) or postgraduate study with a professional body</i>)

IF Q1 = 8 ASK Q4

Q4. Do you intend to study in the UK or abroad?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. In the UK
2. Abroad/outside the UK
3. I don't know/I am not sure

IF Q4 = 2

Q5. What are your main reasons for choosing to study abroad?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. The overall cost of studying abroad is cheaper than in the UK
2. The overall cost of living abroad is cheaper than in the UK
3. The level of financial support is better abroad
4. The courses available are more relevant to my future plans
5. The course I wish to study is not available in the UK
6. The quality of the course I want to study is better abroad
7. I am undertaking an international scholarship
8. The institution that I wish to study at is recognised internationally
9. I want to be closer to my family and friends/return to my home country
10. It is easier to get a visa abroad
11. I want to experience a different culture
12. I want to develop another language/gain greater fluency in a foreign language
13. The employment opportunities are better abroad
14. Other (please specify)

IF Q3 = 2

Q6a. You said that you intend to undertake postgraduate study in the next six months, how likely are you to do so?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. I am certain
2. It is likely
3. I am not sure
4. It is unlikely
5. I will definitely not

All except IF Q3 = 2

Q6b. How likely are you to study at postgraduate level in the future?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. I am certain
2. It is likely
3. I am not sure
4. It is unlikely
5. I will definitely not

IF Q6a = 1 OR Q6a = 2 OR Q6b = 1 OR Q6b = 2

Q7a. What factors could affect your decision to study at postgraduate level?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. Overall cost of living
2. Course fees
3. Being offered a job
4. Family and personal commitments
5. Not knowing what to study
6. Not being able to find an appropriate course to study
7. No longer wish to study
8. Lack of comparable information on postgraduate study
9. Time commitments of postgraduate study
10. Lack of flexibility in the postgraduate study timetable
11. Lack of flexibility in delivery method of postgraduate study(e.g. full-time/part-time)
12. Other (please specify)
13. Not applicable*

**exclusive option*

IF Q6a = 3 OR Q6a = 4 OR Q6a = 5 OR Q6b = 3 OR Q6b = 4 OR Q6b = 5

Q7b. What factors put you off studying at postgraduate level?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. Overall cost of living
2. Course fees
3. Fear of debt
4. Being in a job
5. Family and personal commitments
6. Not knowing what to study
7. Lack of comparable information on postgraduate study
8. Postgraduate study is time consuming/the workload associated with postgraduate study
9. Lack of flexibility in the postgraduate study timetable
10. Lack of flexibility in delivery method of postgraduate study (e.g. full-time/part-time)
11. Postgraduate qualifications are not a requirement in my chosen career
12. I do not want to study at postgraduate level
13. Other (please specify)
14. Not applicable*

**exclusive option*

IF Q6a = 3 OR Q6a = 4 OR Q6a = 5 OR Q6b = 3 OR Q6b = 4 OR Q6b = 5

Q8. What factors might encourage you to study at postgraduate level?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. If additional financial support was available
2. If postgraduate qualifications were a prerequisite for a job/demanded by employers
3. If postgraduate qualifications were a prerequisite for membership of a professional body
4. If I struggled to find suitable employment
5. If I needed to specialise in a particular area or skill
6. If I decided to change career path
7. If postgraduate study was funded by my employer
8. If better advice was available on postgraduate study options
9. If I was accepted into a highly regarded university/college
10. If I was accepted onto a scholarship
11. Other (please specify)

12. None*

**exclusive option*

IF Q6a = 1 OR Q6a = 2 OR Q6b = 1 OR Q6b = 2

Q9. What factors make you want to study at postgraduate level?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

1. I want to further my knowledge of my undergraduate subject/I have an interest in the subject
2. I want to get a higher level qualification
3. I want to be able to pursue an academic/research career
4. I want to study a different subject
5. I want to gain an edge in the jobs market
6. I want to progress in my current career
7. I have been unable to find a suitable job
8. I want to get a better job /postgraduate study opens up more career choices
9. I want to specialise in a particular area or skill
10. I want to enter a profession which requires a specific post-graduate qualification
11. I am expected to undertake a postgraduate qualification as part of my employment
12. I am not ready to leave academic study
13. Other (please specify)

IF Q3=2

Q10. Which of the following postgraduate study options are you considering?

MULTIPLE RESPONSES

Further academic study at a higher level – taught programmes

1. A stand-alone, taught Master's degree (e.g. MSc, MA)
2. Postgraduate certificate or diploma

Further academic study at a higher level – research programmes

3. A stand-alone, research Master's degree (MPhil)
4. A Master's degree as a first step to a doctorate
5. Research degree/doctorate (e.g. PhD)

Professional courses

6. PGCE/teaching qualification
7. A professional postgraduate course e.g. in business (e.g. MBA), law (e.g. LPC), architecture (RIBA qualification), etc.
8. Other (please specify)
9. I do not know yet

IF Q3=2

Q11. Do you plan to undertake a full-time or part-time postgraduate course?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Full-time
2. Part-time
3. I do not know/I am not sure

IF Q3=2

Q12. When do you think you might begin your postgraduate study?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Immediately after graduating (within the next six months after graduating)
2. Within three years of graduating
3. Sometime in the future (more than three years after graduating)
4. I do not know yet/I am not sure